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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/59/780)*]

59/292. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1590 (2005) of 24 March 2005, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in the Sudan for an initial period of six months from 24 March 2005,

Recognizing that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

2. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

3. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

[1] A/59/756 and Corr.1 and 2.
[2] A/59/768.

4. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

5. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

6. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

7. *Notes* that the General Assembly has never pronounced itself on the use of assessed peacekeeping contributions for the purposes stated in paragraph 15 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[2] and decides to revert to this issue in the context of its consideration of item 123, entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations", during the second part of its resumed fifty-ninth session in the light of the additional information to be provided thereon by the Secretary-General;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 31 October 2005

10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the United Nations Mission in the Sudan for the purpose of accounting for the income received and expenditure incurred in respect of the Mission;

11. *Also authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2004 to 31 October 2005 in a total amount not exceeding 595,498,500 United States dollars for the initial establishment of the Mission, comprising, for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, the amount of 279,501,300 dollars, inclusive of the amount of 99,999,400 dollars previously authorized by the Advisory Committee, and, for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2005, the amount of 315,997,200 dollars, under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

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12. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the total amount of 497,873,300 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 23 September 2005, comprising the amount of 279,501,300 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 and the amount of 218,372,000 dollars for the period from 1 July to 23 September 2005, in accordance with the levels set out by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

13. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment

among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,635,000 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, and 2,042,500 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July to 23 September 2005;

14. *Decides further* to apportion among Member States the amount of 97,625,200 dollars for the period from 24 September to 31 October 2005, at a monthly rate of 78,999,300 dollars, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 12 above, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

15. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 913,100 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 24 September to 31 October 2005;

16. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

17. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

18. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

19. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan".

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59/293. Modalities for the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 57/250 of 20 December 2002,

Recalling also its resolution 59/145 of 17 December 2004, in which it decided to hold the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development on 27 and 28 June 2005 in New York, and resolution 59/225 of 22 December 2004, in which it decided to consider, by the first part of 2005, the appropriate modalities for holding the High-level Dialogue, taking into account developments in the preparation for the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly to be held from 14 to 16 September 2005,

Recalling further its resolution 59/291 of 15 April 2005,

Bearing in mind that the results of the High-level Dialogue will be an input to the preparatory process for the High-level Plenary Meeting,

1. *Reiterates* that the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development to be held on 27 and 28 June 2005 will be held at the ministerial level;

2. *Reaffirms* that the High-level Dialogue constitutes the intergovernmental focal point for the general follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development, held at Monterrey, Mexico, from 18 to 22 March 2002;

3. *Decides* that the overall theme of the High-level Dialogue will be "The Monterrey Consensus: status of implementation and tasks ahead";

4. *Decides also* that the High-level Dialogue will consist of a series of formal and informal meetings to constitute a policy dialogue and six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables to be held as follows:

(*a*) The first day will consist of a formal meeting chaired by the President of the General Assembly, at which the ministers and high-level officials attending the Dialogue will be able to make formal statements, on the understanding that the principle of precedence will be strictly applied, to allow participation at the ministerial level; the Secretary-General, the President of the Economic and Social Council, the President of the World Bank, the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, the Director-General of the World Trade Organization,

the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, as the Chairman of the United Nations Development Group, will be invited to make statements;

(*b*) The second day will be devoted to six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables, divided into two sessions, each comprising three round tables, followed by an interactive dialogue in the form of an informal meeting with the participation of all relevant stakeholders, which will focus on the implementation of the results of the International Conference on Financing for Development and the link between financing for development and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration;[1] the heads of relevant organizations of the United Nations system, the heads of regional and international intergovernmental organs that participated in the International Conference, as well as representatives of regional development banks, civil society and the business sector, will all be able to intervene, on the understanding that the principle of precedence will be strictly applied, to allow participation at the ministerial level;

5. *Decides further* that the central themes of the round tables will be based on sections of one chapter of the Monterrey Consensus adopted at the International Conference on Financing for Development,[2] as follows:

Round table 1: Mobilizing domestic financial resources for development;

Round table 2: Mobilizing international resources for development - foreign direct investment and other private flows;

Round table 3: International trade as an engine for development;

Round table 4: Increasing international financial and technical cooperation for development;

Round table 5: External debt;

Round table 6: Addressing systemic issues - enhancing the coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development;

6. *Reiterates its invitation* to all Governments to enhance coordination among ministries of foreign affairs, finance, development cooperation and trade, as well as central banks and all other national stakeholders for the preparations for the High-level Dialogue;

7. *Invites* the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and relevant organizations of the United Nations system to participate in the High-level Dialogue, including in the preparatory phase, and invites the President of the Economic and Social Council, the President of the World Bank, the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, the Director-General of the World Trade Organization and the heads of other relevant regional and international intergovernmental organs to participate actively in the Dialogue;

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[1] See resolution 55/2.

[2] *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18–22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

8. *Invites* non-governmental organizations and business sector entities to participate at the interactive round tables and informal meetings of the High-level Dialogue, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and decides that:

(*a*) Accreditation will be open to all non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and to all non-governmental organizations and business sector entities accredited to the International Conference on Financing for Development or to its follow-up process;

(*b*) Interested non-governmental organizations and business sector entities that are not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or were not accredited to the International Conference on Financing for Development shall apply to the General Assembly for accreditation following the accreditation procedure established during the International Conference;

(*c*) The above arrangements concerning participation of non-governmental organizations and business sector entities in the High-level Dialogue will in no way create a precedent for other meetings of the General Assembly;

9. *Decides* that all issues regarding financing for development will be discussed during the informal interactive hearings, to be held on 23 and 24 June 2005, with representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector, and requests the Secretariat to issue a summary of the hearings related to financing for development as an input to the High-level Dialogue;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of commitments and agreements reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development, to be prepared in full collaboration with the major institutional stakeholders, as an input to the High-level Dialogue ;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a note on the organization of work of the High-level Dialogue;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to seek from the regional commissions their inputs on the regional and interregional aspects of the follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development and to report thereon to the High-level Dialogue;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available at the High-level Dialogue relevant inputs related to financing for development from all stakeholders, including the documents of the Economic and Social Council covering its 2005 special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

14. *Reiterates its invitation* to countries to report by 2005, inter alia, through existing reporting mechanisms, on their efforts to implement the Monterrey Consensus, bearing in mind the need to achieve the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration;

15. *Decides* that the High-level Dialogue will result in a summary by the President of the General Assembly that will provide an input on financing for development to the preparatory process of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly of September 2005.

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